the North, making the Huai River the boundary between the twc states, and promised the Juchen an annual tribute. Most of what is now Shensi and Honan, all of the modern Shansi, Hopei, and Shantung, and parts of the present Anhui and Kiangsu were therefore, left in the possession of the Chin (Juchen).

The second quarter of the twelfth century saw the Chin at the pinnacle of their power. They were the acknowledged masters of North China and Manchuria, they had subdued the Hsi Hsia, and they had received the submission of the Uighurs. Their dominions stretched from the borders of the present Korea into and perhaps beyond what is now the western part of Kansu. About 1153 they moved their capital from the present Manchuria to Yenching (later Peking and now Peiping).

The peace between the Chin and the Sung proved unstable. In 1161, for example, the Chin attempted, although in vain, to force their way across the Yangtze, and in 1206 the Sung essayed, but also failed, to reduce the North. The two monarchies seemed about equally matched, and neither appeared likely to alter greatly the boundary between them. However, the Sung Emperors had to accept a kind of subordination to the Chin rulers, being as "nephews'} to "uncles," and gave to the latter a large annual present.

Although the Sung abandoned the North, the Chinese people and their culture did not do so. Some infusion of non-Chinese blood in this region undoubtedly occurred, but again, as so often in the past, the vigorous but rude conquerors were being assimilated. The Chin rulers attempted to preserve the distinctive customs of their people, but they had the Chinese Classics translated into the Juchen language and maintained

sacrifices to Confucius, and the Hsi Hsia rulers were also adopting Confucianism.
The cultural reconquest of the North had quietly begun.

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About the time that relations between the Sung and the Chin had settled down to a kind of uneasy stalemate and the Juchen conquerors had begun, perhaps unconsciously, to face the likelihood of elimination by absorption, the scene was completely changed by a fresh invasion from the North. A new power sud-